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Contact: Public Information Office, 974-5017

Update: Murder # 1

Case: 10-0060061

Date: January 6, 2010

Time: 12:44 a.m.

Location: 4600 block of Bandera Dr.

Deceased: Justin Jamal Mendez, Black Male, D.O.B. 04-14-1990

Person of Interest: Daniel Oden Byrd, Black Male, D.O.B. 08-20-1990

Narrative:

APD Homicide Detectives are interested in speaking with Daniel Oden Byrd in connection with the murder of Justin Mendez. Detectives believe that Byrd was present at the time of the murder along with several other people.

Byrd is a wanted felon and has several active warrants including one for Assault Family Violence and two for Possession of a Controlled Substance. He is considered armed and dangerous.

Byrd is described as:

Black male

19 Years of age

5'3" – 5'5"

140 lbs

Multiple tattoos

Anyone with information about Byrd's whereabouts or this incident is asked to contact the Homicide Unit at 477-3588 or Crime Stoppers at 472-8477 (TIPS).

On January 6, 2010, Austin Police officers responded to a 911 call of a person bleeding in a vehicle in the 4600 block of Bandera Dr. When they arrived they found Mendez inside a vehicle. He had been shot and was pronounced deceased



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at the scene. Officers learned that another male had self-transported himself to a local hospital with non-life threatening injuries. It is still unclear what the motive is behind the shooting.

This case remains under investigation by APD Homicide detectives. This is Austin's 1st murder of the year.

Media: Photos are attached.

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